





WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12, 1898.

### BETHEL'S BUSINESS PROSPECTS.

It is with much pleasure that we learn that the Bethel Chair Co. is planning to largely increase its business, which means much to the prosperity and welfare of our town.

We are also pleased to learn that there is a prospect of new blood coming into the concern. A gentleman from the city of Belfast, who is familiar with the furniture trade, and who for several years, has been handling the Bethel chairs, recently came to Bethel and after spending considerable time looking over our town and investigating its facilities for manufacturing, was so well pleased with the town and the business prospects, that he decided to come to Bethel and help boom the chair business, providing a certain amount of encouragement can be obtained from our citizens.

The new plan is to erect a large building near the chair factory, to be heated with steam, and so located as to load from the platform of the building into the cars. The railroad company has already agreed, if the plans work, to build the Chair Co. a siding and give them a much lower rate of freight.

It is sincerely hoped that these plans may be developed and that the Bethel Chair Factory, which has certainly been an oasis in the desert to the town of Bethel and its citizens, may not only remain in town and furnish employment to our people, thus meeting the present necessity, but that the bright prospects which await the completion of the present plans may be developed and thus a new impetus be given to the business.

It is needless for us to state here that the Bethel Chair Co. has proven of positive and inestimable value to the business interests of Bethel, and we kindly invite any one who feels inclined to take exception to this statement, to look back with us over the history of Bethel for the past twenty years, and see if it will not be verified.

From 1876 to 1886, the ten years preceding the building of the chair factory, but two dwelling houses were built in our village, while during the twelve years since the establishment of this business, over thirty dwelling houses besides several other buildings have been erected within the village corporation.

This company has, since it began operation here, brought into town over \$200,000, over two-thirds of which has been expended here and entered the various avenues of trade; the doctors, the lawyers, the merchants, the hotels, the schools, the churches, in fact every public business as well as every private individual has felt to a greater or less extent, the effect of this amount of money being circulated among our people. In addition to this, over \$8000 has been paid to the town in rent and taxes, and unlike most industries, their machinery has not been idle for three months during all this time, while mills and factories all over our country have failed up and gone out of business during the depressing times for the past five years, and thus thousands of people thrown out of employment; while millions have suffered to an extent that our people can scarcely realize; the Bethel Chair Company has pulled bravely through, and has furnished the necessities of life, week in and week out, to over one hundred men, women and children in our village, and if the present plans are successfully matured, this number will be largely increased. This is certainly remarkable. Show us one industry that has made this record during these hard times, and we will show you ten, which have reared, staggered, run on short time, shut down, and gone out of business.

The loss to the stock-holders in the great fire of July 18th, was a severe blow, but with necessary capital and returning business prosperity, this will be an enterprise of which the citizens of Bethel may justly feel proud.

Detective Odlin believes that the men who broke into the bank at Bethel were the same who did the Freeport robbery not long ago. There is a belief among officers in Oxford county that the Bethel robbers were not professionals, but the Lewiston detective thinks they were. He says that only professionals would have gone back and put another charge into the safe after the first had been unsuccessful. That took nerve which the non-professional would not have possessed. There is no doubt that the Freeport break was by men well used to such work. They ascertained that the grist mill safe was the banking deposit of the village, and they made sure that they would not be interrupted. Mr. Odlin is anxiously expecting another break somewhere in Maine for these professionals do not do their work in little pieces. He is on the lookout for the thieves, for it is thought they have come this way.—Kennebec Journal.

### LOCAL NEWS.

Miss May Wiley is spending a few weeks in Portland.

Rev. J. W. Lewis and wife were at No. Albany last week.

Ernest C. Bowler, Jr., picked a dandelion blossom, Oct. 12th.

California fruits of all kinds, canned and fresh, at Deering's.

Mrs. L. Morrill, who has been living in Albany, has moved to Bethel. Don't fail to read Argo Manufacturing Co's advertisement on page 2.

Mr. C. L. Mills from Albany has lately moved onto the Dwight Rose farm.

The schoolhouse in the Steam Mill district has been purchased by A. H. Mason.

Farm Produce taken in exchange for groceries at Deering's, under Public Library, Bethel.

A. E. Herrick was in Portland Thursday and Friday, and while there was admitted to practice before the United States court.

The ladies of the M. E. society will hold their annual Harvest sale and supper Thursday afternoon and evening, Oct. 20.

Mrs. Dwight Rose has moved from her farm in "Paradise" to the village, where she occupies the rent in the upper story of Moses Mason's house.

Mr. Irving Stearns and wife of Berlin, were in town Monday, on their way to Newry, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Stearns' father, who died Sunday.

The annual excursion to Boston will take place Oct. 24. Tickets will be sold at our station for \$3.50 via rail or boat from Portland and good until Nov. 2.

Miss Marjorie Burgess and friend from Andover came to Bethel on their wheel, last Friday; they visited Miss Burgess' aunt, Mrs. Frank Merrill, returning Sunday.

J. C. Billings was in Farmington, Monday. He accompanied the remains of his half-brother, Ira K. Russell, who died at Woodstock, last Friday, there for interment.

In the suit of Spauldings against the Burgess Sulphite Fibre Co. in the United States Court, at Littleton, N. H., Judge Foster obtained a verdict of \$17,500 for the plaintiffs. Still more raspberries. Nalum Barker sent us a branch picked last week. The berries were as fresh as though they had been picked in the height of their season.

As Miss Eva Bryant was leaving her home to go to work, Monday morning she tripped on a rug causing her to fall and sustaining injuries such as to require the services of a physician.

A new International dictionary has been added to the school appliances in the village school building, this week; it was purchased from the proceeds of the entertainment given at the close of last term by pupils and teachers.

"Billy Crow" has had his wings clipped to keep him from going about the streets gossiping, and as a result we are told he has stopped talking. Well, that seems too bad, but he has been given his freedom, he soon would, judging from the improvement which he has made during the past few weeks, become a fluent speaker.

It is not uncommon to find beside the road these days raspberry bushes containing ripe berries, green berries, blossoms and buds. Such a phenomenon is not very rare, when we have pleasant weather late in the season. It is not as some fancy, a second crop on the bushes which have already borne one crop for the season, but is a product of the new canes which grew this season and which need only favorable weather to bring them to fruit in the autumn. We have no other fruit in this latitude which comes so near having two seasons in a single year.

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Rheumatism, with its sharp twinges, aches and pains. Do you know the cause? Acid in the blood has accumulated in your joints. The cure is found in Hood's Sarsaparilla which neutralizes this acid. Thousands write that they have been completely cured of rheumatism by Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, biliousness, indigestion. Price 25 cents.

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"I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla as a blood purifier for several years past with most satisfactory results. It always builds up my system by giving me a good appetite. I have been afflicted with nervousness and could not sleep. I had a tired, miserable feeling and work was a burden to me. I had no appetite and no strength and I could get no rest. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and occasionally used Hood's Pills. In a short time my nerves were very much improved. I could sleep all night and got up in the morning feeling rested. I could work all day, had a good appetite and felt like a new person." Mrs. JAMES IRISH, Stow, Maine. Be sure to get Hood's, because

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### STATE NEWS.

Now for the sad report, "Mistaken for a deer?"

\* Mr. L. N. Richard of Fort Fairfield has harvested to date 2000 barrels of potatoes and is not "hired" through digging.

\* Farmington, Oct. 7.—Elmer Snowman, a Rangeley guide, was to-day found guilty of having pursued his occupation without a license, a violation of law.

\* Another woman has applied for a license to guide in the Maine woods, and this one is a girl of 14, a sister-in-law of the other woman who received a license.

\* An enterprising Maine farmer started recently that by cutting the corn about this time and stacking it head down, that he could go and out a fine mess of sweet corn for Thanksgiving dinner.

\* The coroner's inquest on the North Saco murder case was resumed, Saturday afternoon. Two witnesses, brothers of Ivory F. Boothby, the murdered man, were examined, the coroner's questions relating to their family relations and finances. Detective Saville of Boston, who is being employed by the city in an investigation of the case was present at the inquest. Coroner Bradbury decided to hold the inquest off another week, pending the detective's investigations.

\* J. T. Mullen, superintendent of the sulphite mill of Rumford Falls was agreeably surprised, the other day, by the receipt of a solid gold watch, as a present from the Rumford Falls Sulphite Company, under the old management, before the amalgamation with the International Paper Company.

\* It is expected that 12,000 wheels will be turned out this season at the Lovell bicycle factory at South Paris. In addition to the wooden building already constructed, it is proposed to erect a brick wing on the easterly side, standing parallel to the room now occupied as an office.

\* Commander Rogers of Fort Preble received orders from Washington Saturday, notifying him to have Battery E of the 2d regiment fully equipped and ready not later than Nov. 1st to join the 2d regiment, which has been ordered to Porto Rico for garrison duty. Battery F will probably leave by the middle or latter part of October.

\* The mill, formerly of the Rumford Falls paper mill, but which has recently passed into control of the International Paper Company, is busy day and night with a full crew. Two hundred or more men are busy about the plant and everything is booming. Prospects are good for an extremely busy winter, and big orders are on the books for the coming months.

\* Saturday afternoon the police made big hauls of liquor. Swett's Hotel, the Portland Tavern and several saloons along Fore and Commercial streets were visited and the police had a hard afternoon's work of it rolling big barrels of beer out of cellars and loading them on the truck teams. Deputy Marshall Sterling had charge of the expedition and made a clean sweep.—Portland Transcript.

\* A special from Bangor, Me., says that word was received in that city Oct. 9th, of the death of Countess Von Teuffel, formerly Miss Blanche Willis Howard of Bangor, at Stuttgart, Germany. Miss Howard was formerly well-known in the literary and musical world, and in 1890 married Baron Von Teuffel, physician in ordinary to the German Emperor and has lived in Germany ever since. Her husband died two years ago.

\* The Bath Iron Works has secured the contract to refit the transport Mohawk according to the plans of the board of inspection by which she will become a model transport. She will be fitted like her sister ship, the Mobile, and will have folding bunks, ample kitchen and messing facilities, shower baths, sanitary plumbing, ventilating methods, etc., for 2900 men, and cabin accommodations for 80 officers, or for the staffs of two regiments.

\* A Kittery man had a surprise while attending the Oxford county fair, a surprise that he has not got over yet. As the Norway Advertiser reports it, when Dr. Charles Johnston of Kittery Point was on the fair grounds during the fair a man went by him quickly and put an envelope in his hand. The doctor thought that some one was passing advertising and did not open it at once, but when he did open it he found that it contained \$27 in money. He hunted all over the grounds to find the man, but could not. Whether the man mistook him for a partner, or did not want the money found on him, or was insane the doctor has not decided. There was no printing in or on the envelope.

### Our Young Readers.

Her Awful Dream.

A little maid of tender years Had such a dream to tell! She came to me almost in tears, "Just want to go to sleep!" "When both my eyes came open wide, And, oh, I was so glad To find it was a dream," she cried, "Because it was so bad!" "What could it be, poor child?" I said, "Were you pursued by bears?" Perhaps your dolly broke her head? Or did you fall down stairs?" "Oh, dear! It's most too bad to tell You know in school our class, 'Have' 'avin' 'zaminations. Well, I dreamed I didn't pass!" —Elizabeth R. Burns in Primary Education.

Mary's Lamb.

The story of Mary and her lamb is familiar to all as it has been read and recited from parents to children and grandchildren. Memory recalls it as one of the first interesting rhyme stories of our childhood and we enjoy repeating it and admire the spirit of kindness shown by the innocent, little lamb. History relates it as true and tells us her name was Mary J. Sawyer. When a little girl, she found a motherless lamb alone and perishing for want of food and care. She took it home; her kindness and care restored it, and they became so fond of each other that they scarcely could be apart for any length of time.

She took it to school one day before the other scholars assembled and put it under her seat telling it to lie there quietly, which it did until it was Mary's turn to recite, when it ran after her down the aisle to the wild delight and merriment of the scholars and the surprise of the teacher, who ordered the lamb put outside where it waited till his mistress appeared, then followed her home.

A visitor to the place, whose name we learn was John Roulstone composed the poem and presented it to Mary.

The first time the lamb was sheared Mary's mother knit two pairs of stockings of the wool; Mary kept them until she was 80 years of age. When the Old South church of Boston was raising money she travelled the yarn from a pair of the stockings and wound it on small cards on which she wrote her autograph, and these cards were sold for more than one hundred dollars.

If we were disposed to treat the lower animals kindly and considerately, there would be no necessity of societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, but it goes without saying that too many not only children but large people as well are apt to be impatient and fretful to the poor dumb creatures. No more beautiful or lovable traits exist in human character than kindness. O that the law of kindness might rule in every heart and show forth its brightness in every human life.

MARY O. WILSON.

**To the Children.**—We know many of you have missed the "Children's Column" from the News for the past two months, but for various reasons it was necessary to omit it; however we shall again take it up each week and trust to our readers to furnish us with letters for each issue.

We know you will not be at a loss for subjects to write about, for your schools are now in session and your summer vacation not entirely forgotten, while the nutting parties that young people like so much are now in order; these topics written by you will be of interest to one and all, while a sketch of the man or woman in history whom you most admire, will not only refresh but be of benefit and interest to some one else; we offer these as suggestions but please understand that you are at liberty to write about what most directly interests you. We expect to hear from many of the young people during the coming weeks.—Editor.

Conundrums.

Why is a bat with faded trim, trim like a lamp burning dimly? It needs new trimming.  
Why is a book like a king? It has many pages.  
Why are friends separating for a short time like a pair of scissors? They part to meet again.  
Why is a counterfeit note like a bar of iron? It is forged.  
Why is coffee like an axe with a dull edge? It must be ground before it is used.

What Scrofula Is.

Scrofula is a disease as old as antiquity. It has been handed down for generations and is the same to-day as in early times. It is emphatically a disease of the blood, and the only way to cure it is by purifying the blood. That is just what Hood's Sarsaparilla does in every case where it is given a faithful trial. It eradicates all impurities from the blood, and cures the sores, boils, pimples and all forms of skin disease due to scrofula taints in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla has won the grateful praise of vast numbers of people by its grand and complete cures. Don't allow scrofula to develop in your blood. Cure it at once by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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**Edward King,**

Jeweler and Optician.

### When Johnny Comes Marching Home.

Blow, trumpet! Split your brazen As never in a charge! [throat] Peal, bells, abroad, your vibrant note With happiness full large! "Reveille," "Taps," the roll of drums Give way to peaceful Ken. Their rule is done, for Johnny comes A-marching home again. Let those who wept to see him go Now weep blithe tears of joy. Let arms, not wielded by a foe, Surround the soldier boy. No need of words: "The flags that Express our welcome, when [wave] Our Johnny, their defender brave, Is marching home again. A few we miss—ah! speak it soft. Alas! for hearts that bleed! For ones whom war has shown where The paths of glory lead! [off] From Southern camp, from Cuban From Orient swamp and cane, [back] Come some, unseen, their place to A-marching home again, [take] So for the living—and the dead— Blow, trumpet, long and free. Let prayers of thankfulness be said For what at last we see. No other pageantry of war, As far as thoughts can roam, Can rival this, when strife is o'er, And Johnny's marching home. Puck. Edith L. Sabin.

HUMOROUS.

—A lawyer named A. Ward resides in Sandy Creek. Unlike the general run of warts, he is never on hand except when wanted.—Rome Sentinel.  
—"I walked the floor all night with the toothache," said he; to which the unfeeling listener replied, "You didn't expect to walk the ceiling with it, did you?"  
—A girl weighing 100 pounds here, would weigh 2700 pounds at the surface of the sun; but they don't sit in each other's laps there, so it doesn't make so much difference.

—"Where a woman," says Mrs. Partington, "has been married with a congealing heart, and one that beats disponding to her own, she will never want to enter the marriage state again."

—A timid Bostonian has married a lady whose weight verges closely upon 200 pounds. "My dear," says he to her, "shall I help you over the fence?" "No," says she to him, "help the fence."

—A Troy man who received a fifty-dollar bill from New Orleans left it lying on his desk to fumigate. He hasn't been bothered with it since, nor did the thief catch the fever.—Detroit Free Press.

—Mrs. Partington is considered a mythical person "evolved" from the brain of Mr. Shillabar, but her counterparts are often found in real life. One of these ladies was overheard at an evening assembly speaking in high praise of a pretty girl just passing.

"Why, she is a perfect paragon of a young lady!" "I think you mean paralogism, do you not?" suggested a waggy gentleman addressed.

"I said paralogism, Mr.—" exclaimed the lady, with a combination of dignity and indignation impossible to describe.

—"Beautiful, beautiful silken hair," Philip murmured, fondly toying lovingly with one of her nut-brown tresses; "Soft as the plumage of an angel's wing; light as the thistle down that dances on

September 20, 1898. HORATIO N. UPTON.

**NOTICE.**

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

HOWARD V. CHAPMAN, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

September 20, 1898.

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Gilead,

West Bethel,

BETHEL,

Locke's Mills,

Bryant Pond,

South Paris,

Portland,

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Bryant Pond,

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West Bethel,

Gilead,

Gorham,

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